

## Overview of Bills under Consideration in 108<sup>th</sup> Congress Concerning Health IT

Bill #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Bill Title	Introduced	Status	Lead Staffperson
<b>HR 4818</b>	Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ)	none	<b><i>The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005:</i></b> Contains, among many other things, \$50 million for AHRQ grants and \$4 million for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) / Foundation for eHealth Initiatives to provide year 2 grant demonstration funding that were highlighted in the Framework for Strategic Action report released by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT) in July 2004.	11/20/04	Became Public Law No: 108-447	
<b>S2907</b>	Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT)	Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA)	<b><i>Information Technology for Health Care Quality Act:</i></b> A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care delivery through improvements in health care information technology, and for other purposes.	10/6/04	Referred to Senate committee. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 10/6/04	Ben Berwick

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<b>S2766</b>	Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)	none	<b><i>Prescription Drug and Health Improvement Act of 2004:</i></b> A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate for lower prices for medicare prescription drugs and to eliminate the gap in coverage of medicare prescription drug benefits, to reduce medical errors and increase the use of medical technology, to increase services in primary and preventive care by non-physician providers, and for other purposes.	7/22/04	7/22/2004 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	
<b>S2421</b>	Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA)	Senator Jon Corzine (D-NJ)	<b><i>Health Care Modernization, Cost Reduction, and Quality Improvement Act:</i></b> A bill to modernize the health care system through the use of information technology and to reduce costs, improve quality, and provide a new focus on prevention with respect to health care.	5/13/04	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 5/13/04.	David Bowen
<b>S2710</b>	Senator Gregg Judd (R-NH)	Senators Jim Bunning (R-KY), Bill Frist (R-TN), & Jeff Sessions (R-AL)	<b><i>National Health Information Technology Adoption Act:</i></b> A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care delivery through improvements in health care information technology, and for other purposes.	7/21/04	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 7/21/04	David Fisher
<b>H4880</b>	Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI)	Rep. Donna M. Christensen (D-VI)	<b><i>Josie King Act of 2004 Quality, Efficiency, Standards, and Technology for Health Care Transformation Act of 2004:</i></b> A bill to improve the quality, efficiency, standards, and technology of health care, and for other purpose.	7/21/04	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health on 7/22/04.	Michael Zamore

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<b>S2003</b>	Sen Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY)	Sen Lautenberg, Frank R.(D-NJ)	<i>Health Information for Quality Improvement Act:</i> A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote higher quality health care and better health by strengthening health information, information infrastructure, and the use of health information by providers and patients. Bill would have required Secretary to, among other things, 1) establish within the Office of the Secretary an Office of National Healthcare Information Infrastructure and adopt a set of voluntary; 2) national data and communications standards that promote the interoperability of health care information technology; 3) award grants to hospitals and other health care providers; 4) reduce HIT barriers; and 5) conduct and support research regarding information technology and other systems-based approaches to improving and advancing medical care.	12/9/03	12/9/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	
<b>H Con. Res. 292</b>	Rep Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA)	33	<i>Expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should adopt and implement the goals and recommendations provided by the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health through legislation or other appropriate action to help ensure affordable, accessible, and high quality mental health care for all Americans.</i> Commission recommended implementing using technology to access mental health care and information, and thus encourages the use of health technology and telehealth to improve access and	10/6/03	10/6/2003 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	

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<b>H2915</b>	Representative Nancy Johnson (R-CT)	15	<b><i>National Health Information Infrastructure Act of 2003:</i></b> A bill to provide for a National Health Information Infrastructure and data and communication standards for health Information system interoperability.	7/25/03	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health 8/8/03.	Joel White
<b>S1374</b>	Sen Durbin, Richard J. (D-IL)	11	<b><i>Better Health Act of 2003:</i></b> A bill to provide health care professionals with immediate relief from increased medical malpractice insurance costs and to deal with the root causes of the current medical malpractice insurance crisis. Title VI of the bill seeks to reduce medical malpractice by preventing medical errors and includes provisions related to data and health information technology.	7/8/03	7/8/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	
<b>S581</b>	Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)	Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT)	<b><i>Health Care That Works for All Americans Act of 2003:</i></b> A bill to establish a Citizens Health Care Working Group to facilitate public debate about how to improve the health care system for Americans and to provide for a vote by Congress on the recommendations that are derived from this debate.	3/10/03	3/10/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	
<b>HR 877</b>	Representative Nancy Johnson (R-CT)	14	<b><i>To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve patient safety.</i></b> A bill that called for, among other things, development of voluntary, national standards that promote the interoperability of health care information technology systems across all health care settings.	2/25/03	3/13/2003 Placed on the Union Calendar	

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<b>HR663</b> (The Senate incorporated S. 720 in H.R. 663 as an amendment and passed H.R. 663 in lieu of S. 720.)	Representative Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) [Senator James Jeffords (I-VT) introduced S 720]	29	<i>To amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act:</i> A bill to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety, and for other purposes. (Among other things, requires the Secretary to develop or adopt voluntary national standards promoting the interoperability of information technology systems involved with health care delivery. Requires the Secretary to take into account the costs to the health care system from the standards and any efficiencies resulting from the adoption of the standards.)	2/11/03	7/22/2004 Resolving differences / Conference -- Senate actions. Status: Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees Gregg; Frist; Enzi; Alexander; Kennedy; Dodd; Jeffords.	